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Agenda Item III: GENERAL DISARMAMENT

The Summit Conference of Independent African States meeting in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 22 to 25 May 1963,

Having considered all aspects of the questions of general disarmament,

Unanimously convinced of the imperious and urgent necessity of co-ordinating and intensifying their efforts to contribute to the achievement of a realistic disarmament programme through the signing, by all States concerned, of a treaty on general and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control,

Have agreed unanimously to concert and co-ordinate their efforts and actions in this field, and to this end have decided on the following measures:

- 1. To affirm and respect the principle of declaring Africa a Denuclearized Zone to oppose all nuclear and thermonuclear tests, as well as the manufacture of nuclear weapons and to promote the peaceful uses of nuclear energy;**
- 2. The destruction of existing nuclear weapons;**
- 3. To undertake to bring about, by means of negotiation, the end of military occupation of the African continent and the elimination of military bases and nuclear tests, which elimination constitutes a basic element of African Independence and Unity;**
- 4. To appeal to the Great Powers to:**
 - (a) reduce conventional weapons;**
 - (b) put an end to the arms race; and**
 - (c) sign a general and complete disarmament agreement under strict and effective international control;**
- 5. To appeal to the Great Powers, in particular to the Soviet Union and the United States of America, to use their best endeavors to secure the objectives stated above.**

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